

Herseth Sandlin Announces \$7.9 million for Rosebud Sioux Housing

April 19, 2010 - Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is releasing \$7.9 million to the Sicangu Wicoti Awayankapi, the Rosebud Sioux tribal housing authority. The funds come from an annual funding formula through the Indian Housing Block Grant program (IHBG), and represent a critical investment in housing on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation.

“There are significant housing needs on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation,” said Rep. Herseth Sandlin. “This targeted investment will help ensure more families on the Rosebud Reservation can raise their children in safe and adequate housing.”

Recently, Rep. Herseth Sandlin joined with her colleagues in the House of Representatives to request increased funding for the IHBG and Indian Community Development Block Grant programs. Recognizing a resolution passed by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in February, Rep. Herseth Sandlin acknowledged the continued challenges facing Indian Country.

“Sadly, in many parts of Indian Country, the federal government has failed to provide the resources to tribes to meet basic housing needs. That is why I joined with other concerned members of the House of Representatives to request full funding of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act. It is important we provide more resources to address the backlog of need to renovate, replace, and expand the housing stock on many reservations,” said Rep. Herseth Sandlin.

The \$7.9 million IHBG funds were included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed by President Obama on December 16, 2009 and cover funding for Fiscal Year 2010. The funding increase requested by Rep. Herseth Sandlin would affect spending for Fiscal Year 2011 beginning on October 1, 2010.

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